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Acting Assistant Director for Operations

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Chief, FBID

Monthly Progress Report for August 1958

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OPERATIONS

1. Further consideration of

_____ has been suspended pending study of Agency relocation plans. Other sites will be considered, on the basis of proximity to the Agency site, adequate antenna space and short communication lines.

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2. Temporary monitoring of Sumatra at Saigon Bureau was concluded on 28 August and the coverage and monitor transferred back to Okinawa. The new Indonesian monitor, recruited at Singapore, arrives in Saigon in early September and will resume this coverage upon completion of training.

3. FBID support of ORR in the form of technical reports on Communist telecommunications was reaffirmed for FY 1959 in a conference at which ORR publications plans and FBID support capability were discussed.

4. Filing of "Spotlight Commentary" items for PP was initiated on 7 August. It was agreed that selection should be confined to voice and non-Western press broadcasts. At PP request the Okinawa Bureau was added to the approved list of addresses.

5. As the result of discussion at an IAC meeting of the need for more propaganda analysis, and in particular the promotion of external research projects, Mr. Abbot Smith of the Board of National Estimates discussed with FBID the present and projected scope of FBID propaganda analysis and the areas in which deficiencies exist. A statement outlining FBID's present analysis functions and a memorandum on areas in which analytic coverage of bloc propaganda is still insufficient were prepared for Mr. Smith at his request.

6. Messrs. Stephen T. Possony, Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2, and Herbert Dinerstein of the Rand Corporation discussed with FBID the Air Force's need for systematic study of Bloc propaganda for early indications of belligerent intent, with current requirements centered most urgently on Communist China. It was agreed that FBID is not presently staffed to comply fully and readily with the critical requirement for exhaustive comparison of belligerency indicators in propaganda during current crises with like indicators during past crises. Mr. Possony was

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supplied, at his request, with samples of RPB publications and with memoranda on the methods used by RPB in past watch operations.

7. Supplements to the Daily Report:

- a. 5 August - Noncommunist World Opinions and Expectations Concerning a Summit Conference on the Middle East
- b. 15 August - World Radio and Press Reaction to President Eisenhower's August 13 Speech at the United Nations General Assembly
- c. 28 August - World Radio and Press Reaction to Announcement of U.S. Willingness to Suspend Nuclear Weapons Tests

The report of reaction to the President's speech was given rapid dissemination on the day of publication to several high-level offices in Washington, including the White House. The DCI directed that a short memorandum briefly summarizing the contents of reaction reports of special interest to the White House be appended hereafter to the complete publication for forwarding to the President. This was done for the first time on the report on reaction to the nuclear test suspension announcement.

8. Radio Propaganda Reports:

- a. "TASS Inaugurates Authoritative Signed Commentaries"
- b. "Soviet Civil Defense Training Since the February DOSAAF Congress," the third report in response to the National Indications Center's request for semiannual reporting of Soviet propaganda about civil defense.

9. Special propaganda analysis services:

- a. Eight daily analyses of Communist bloc propaganda on the special UN General Assembly session and related Middle East developments were forwarded through OCI to the US delegation at the Assembly as part of FBID's service to the delegation.
- b. The service to the technical experts' delegation at Geneva was concluded with a propaganda-analysis cable the day after agreement on means of policing a nuclear-test ban was announced.
- c. Nineteen daily analyses of Chinese Communist and Soviet propaganda on the Taiwan Strait situation were disseminated on the FBIS Wire at OCI request. This service is continuing.
- d. In addition to the items on Taiwan, RPB reports on the Wire covered:

- (1) Radio Moscow's exploitation of the entry of US Marines into Cuba

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(2) New Sino-Soviet appeals to Latin America for closer ties with Communist China.

(3) Communist propaganda exploitation of the furor over US "surrender" studies.

(4) Moscow and Peking comment on nuclear-test suspension.

(5) Evidence in a Khrushchev letter to MacMillan that Mao Tse-tung had not strongly objected to a summit meeting including India but not the CPR.

(6) Soviet support of Iceland in the dispute with Britain over the Icelandic territorial-waters limit.

(7) The first authoritative Soviet comment on the US offer to suspend nuclear tests.

e. A typescript report summed up the results of a one-month survey for the DCI of Moscow propaganda references to US press sources. Copies of the study were sent by the Director's office to the White House, the Acting Secretary of State and the Director, USIA. The DCI has requested monthly follow-up studies.

f. A memorandum was prepared for the DCI, at his request, on Soviet claims to have "saved" the Arab world, during a sample week after the Iraqi revolution.

g. A critique of a Joseph Alsop column on the 3 August Khrushchev-Mao communique, published in the Washington POST and TIMES-HERALD, was prepared for the Assistant for Intelligence, DD/I, at his request.

h. Data on Moscow broadcasts to Latin America for the past year were furnished State Department OIRA/DRA in support of a report on the subject for the Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American affairs.

10. Other special services rendered by FBID:

a. Editorial and propaganda analysis support, amounting to some 40 man hours of research and compilation was given to the U.S. Delegation at the U.N. General Assembly. Specific textual documentation was provided of the charge that certain Arab radios had engaged in "indirect aggression" in their campaigns of incitement during various Middle East crises. Material from the Moscow radio echoing or seconding the campaigns or countercharging American aggression was likewise supplied. Among the mimeographed compilations were the following:

(1) "Selection of materials illustrating Egyptian and Syrian propaganda during several Jordanian crises."

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(2) "Selection of materials illustrating the Cairo, Damascus, and clandestine radio exploitation of the Jordanian crisis from May 1 to August 7, 1958."

(3) "Selection of materials quoting Cairo and Damascus comment on the charge of indirect aggression."

(4) "Selection of materials illustrating the Egyptian radio's exploitation of certain Middle East and African developments."

(5) "Selection of materials illustrating Egyptian and Syrian propaganda during the Jordanian crisis of July 1957."

Other services to the Delegation included an FBIS wire file to the Contact Division New York field office, for the briefing committee, of items containing incitement elements, authoritative Soviet comment and on 14 and 15 August, special summaries recapitulating world radio and press reaction to President Eisenhower's speech at the U. N. The DCI was supplied an updated version of the 14 August roundup for use at a meeting of the NSC.

b. At the request of OCB, a review was prepared of initial radio and press reaction to the unsuccessful U. S. attempt to place a rocket in orbit around the moon.

c. The service to the U. S. representative at the Sino-American talks in Geneva continued.

11. Construction status of the new Hokkaido Bureau facilities is as follows:

a. Operations building: 95% complete

b. Antenna field: 85% complete

12. The Tokyo Bureau installed its third semi-automatic tape relay set, thus completing installation of facilities for the rapid and efficient handling of the traffic relayed by the Bureau. Study of circuit troubles contributing to outages on the Tokyo-Okinawa allocated circuits resulted in some improvement in service during the month. Further studies continue.

13. Arrangements were made to procure electronic word counters, to perform uniform circuit word counting from all bureaus. Installed in communications circuits, these counters automatically produce totals of wordage passed in a unit of time through the circuits fed with FBIS traffic. Bureau textual word counting by language and by addressee will be achieved later by separate counting facilities tailored to each bureau's requirements.

14. Air conditioning units were delivered to the Mediterranean Bureau during the month. Electrical work for their installation is about 75% complete.

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Construction of a new cryptographic room at a second level of the stairwell is about 75% complete.

ADMINISTRATION

15. Orientations in FBID:

a. The Chief, Senior Research Staff was briefed on nature and scope of FBID propaganda analysis.

16. Effective 24 August the Mediterranean Bureau Wage Scale was revised to reflect the increase in cost of living on Cyprus and the increase in the BBC monitor salaries which are used as a wage fixing guide for the Bureau.

17. During August, one person entered on duty and four were separated. On-duty strength as of 31 August was including seven on LWOP and one on detail to FE/DDP.

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Enclosures

Personnel Supplement
Daily Report Wordage
Production Report
Requirements

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PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT
August 1958

1. Summary

<u>Number of Personnel</u>	<u>American</u>							<u>Native</u>	
	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>	<u>On Duty</u>	<u>In Process</u>	<u>Entered On Duty</u>	<u>Promo- tions</u>	<u>Trans- ferred</u>	<u>Separated</u>	<u>T/O</u> <u>On Duty</u>
Departmental									
U. S. Field									
Foreign Field (V)									
Foreign Field (UV)									
Department & Field (Total)									

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* Includes
7 LWOP
1 Detail to FB

On Duty figure does not include six "Summer Only" employees.

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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>	
<div></div> Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-5	Editorial Branch	4 August 1958	50X1

3. Promotions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>	
<div></div>	Electron Tech, GS-9 Mediterranean Bureau	Electron Spec, GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	27 July 1958	11 50X1
	Brdcst Mon(Multi), GS-9 West Coast Bureau	Brdcst Mon(Multi), GS-10 West Coast Bureau	27 July 1958	
	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-12 Radio Propaganda Branch	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-13 Radio Propaganda Branch	10 August 1958	
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Editorial Branch	27 July 1958	
	Librarian, GS-4 Editorial Branch	Librarian, GS-5 Editorial Branch	27 July 1958	

4. Reassignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>	
<div></div>	Cruising Monitor, GS-9 East Coast Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Field Operations Staff	27 July 1958	50X1
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7 Field Operations Staff	Cruising Monitor, GS-7 East Coast Bureau	27 July 1958	

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Reassignments (Continued)

Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-14 East Coast Bureau	Info Of (Chief), GS-14 Austrian Bureau	27 July 1958	50X1
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 West Coast Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Okinawa Bureau	27 July 1958	
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Editorial Branch	27 July 1958	
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Okinawa Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Editorial Branch	27 July 1958	
Electron Tech, GS-9 Okinawa Bureau	Electron Tech, GS-9 West Coast Bureau	13 July 1958	
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 London Bureau	10 August 1958	
Electron Tech, GS-9 Saigon Bureau	Electron Spec, GS-9 West Coast Bureau	10 August 1958	
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 East Coast Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Austrian Bureau	10 August 1958	
Info Of (Chief), GS-13 Hokkaido Bureau	Info Of (Chief), GS-13 Tokyo Bureau	10 August 1958	
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Field Operations Staff	Cruising Monitor, GS-11 West Coast Bureau	24 August 1958	
Electron Tech, GS-9 West Coast Bureau	Electron Tech, GS-9 Mediterranean Bureau	24 August 1958	
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 London Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Editorial Branch	24 August 1958	

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5. Separations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Grade, Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>	
<div></div>	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-12 Radio Propaganda Branch	8 August 1958	50X1
	Librarian, GS-5 East Coast Bureau	1 August 1958	
	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-11 Radio Propaganda Branch	12 August 1958	
	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-4 Editorial Branch	22 August 1958	

6. Miscellaneous

<u>Name Change</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Date</u>	
	<div>Librarian, GS-7 Editorial Branch</div>	<div>Librarian, GS-7 Editorial Branch</div>	28 July 1958	50X1 50X1

7. OO Career Service Program

a. employees have been accepted for Career Staff membership of which have submitted Career Preference Outlines to Personnel. 50X1

b. Training Activities

Internal (O/TR)	220 hours
Internal (FBIID)	501 hours
External (Agency Paid)	208 hours
Total Headquarters in Training	929 hours - 3.9%

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DAILY REPORT WORDAGE FOR AUGUST 1958

<u>DAILY REPORT BOOK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
West Europe and Middle East	673,600	32,076 (21 publication days)
USSR and East Europe	1,002,600	47,752 " " "
Latin America	126,000	6,000 " " "
Far East	699,600	33,314 " " "
World Reaction Reports	23,600	7,833 (3 issues)

TOTAL WORDAGE ALL SECTIONS:	2,525,600
TOTAL DAILY AVERAGE:	126,075
TOTAL WIRE SERVICE WORDAGE:	763,330
WIRE SERVICE DAILY AVERAGE:	24,623

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1. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, August 1958
(Averages computed on basis of 5-day week)

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	WORDAGE PUBLISHED	ECONOMIC ABSTRACTS (No. Items)
Austrian	4 1/2	12,120*	NA	0
East Coast	118	11,840	7,970	3
German	29	7,400*	6,300*	0
Hokkaido	14 3/4	3,100	NA	34
London	222	83,000	35,000	45
Mediterranean	82	40,500	NA	32
Okinawa	114 1/2	23,900	NA	4
Saigon	12	6,200*	5,350*	0
Tokyo	26 1/3	5,000*	3,200*	0
West Coast	<u>154</u>	<u>35,650</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>16</u>
Total	776 5/6	228,710	NA	134

*Includes Press Scrutiny

NA - Not Available. During the month responsibility for compiling this data was transferred from the field to headquarters.

2. A daily average of 77,164 words were filed to BBC.

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